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(57) **Abstract:** The present invention relates to pigments, the particles of which generally have a length of from 2 μm to 5 μm , a width of from 2 μm to 2 μm , and a thickness of from 20 nm to 2 μm , and a ratio of length to thickness of at least 2 : 1, wherein the particles contain a core of SiO_2 with $0.70 \leq y \leq 1.8$, especially $1.40 \leq y \leq 1.8$, having two substantially parallel faces, the distance between which is the shortest axis of the core, comprising (a) a material, especially a metal oxide, having a high index of refraction; or (a) a thin semi-transparent metal layer; a process for their production and their use in paints, ink-jet printing, for dyeing textiles, for pigmenting coatings (paints), printing inks, plastics, cosmetics, glazes for ceramics and glass.

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